

strike and try by physical force instead of mouth talk to achieve their eight-hour demand, it will be the result of past arbitrations being run as con games and the rail men getting the short end.

—o—o— SHORT ONES

T. R. has a pain in his side. Glad it isn't as acute as the one most Progressives have had since that Chicago thing.

The mule that brayed while Glynn keynoted at the Democratic convention was simply proclaiming how grateful he was over having escaped being drafted for army duty.

"Watch your step," say government safety first evangelists. We'd rather watch autos, street cars and mounted policemen.

Self-confidence is the steam that helps us "get there." The man without self-confidence is like a "dead" engine; the man with too much is like an overpowered engine, apt to blow up.

The packers are seeing to it that we don't eat too much meat. Their embargo through high prices is almost as effective as the kaiser's.

—o—o— POWERS TAKE NOTICE!



THE PUBLIC FORUM

JAKE LOEB'S WAY. — So Jake Loeb has entered on the stage of Chicago life to act his reactionary and primitive part in the shaping of its destiny.

Just when the American conscience is revolting against the spoils system in politics he rushes to the rescue of the primitive weapon of reaction.

The spoils system in American political life has provoked the ridicule of all European students, yet Jake and his brainless satellites are trying to reintroduce the old spoils system into the management of our schools. The object is to kill the individuality of our school teachers. And as soon as that is successfully accomplished, then the warping and the distorting of the children's minds in the most plastic period of life will follow. Such is the ulterior motive of the present board.

If the citizens of Chicago allow this hypocritical work to be carried through it will be a sad reflection upon our moral backbone and intelligence.

Let us analyze the mental attitude of Jake and his friends on purely psychological grounds and trace the causes of their designs. As dull as Jake and his advisers are, they are possessed of sufficient animal cunning to know that nature has not endowed them with the necessary mental quality to gain for them immortality. But as their souls yearn for it with the same zeal as do the aspiring souls of their intellectual superiors, so they resort to the cunning trick of stifling the brains of the children of the poor, and use their ignorance to further their own selfish ambitions.

Little do these intellectual misfits understand the dynamic forces of social organization and human evolution. They do not know that the whims and wills of reactionary politicians are swept away by the tide of